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Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

25 JUN 1976

Dear Senator Hatfield:

This is in regard to your letter of 4 June 1976, concerning the Agency's letter to the Senate leadership requesting confirmation of our expressed intention to resume destruction of Agency documents.

As you are undoubtedly aware, we have extended the moratorium to expire on 10 December 1976, as requested by the Senate leadership. Prior to the destruction of any records, we shall transmit to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence copies of the record schedules which are submitted to the National Archives and Record Service for their approval prior to the destruction of any records. The same will be done with respect to those routine administrative records which, although not involved under S. Res. 21, were withheld from routine destruction during the life of that Resolution.

My letter to the Senate leadership was only a preliminary step to destruction to determine if there is further congressional interest. I wish to make clear that it was never my intention to destroy any documents still subject to Justice Department investigation or relevant to litigation.

Your personal interest and concern are appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

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COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 4, 1976

Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear George:

It is my understanding that yesterday you wrote to Senator Hugh Scott and Senator Mike Mansfield notifying them of the Central Intelligence Agency's intention to begin destroying administrative records which had been preserved due to the Church Committee's investigation into United States intelligence activities.

As a Member of the new Senate Committee on Intelligence, I respectfully request that no records of any sort be destroyed until after the full Committee has had an opportunity to review this matter.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

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Attached for your signature are letters to Senator Hatfield, Chairman Edward Kennedy, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, and Chairwoman Abzug, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, in response to their letters reacting to our letter to the Senate leadership concerning the moratorium on the destruction of Agency documents.

The letters were coordinated with the DDO, OGC, and the DDA.

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George L. Cary
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